

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A digital video disc device, comprising:

a rewritable flash memory of prescribed size in which key data associated with information on a digital video disc is recorded in advance in [[a]] at least one prescribed address in an unused specific area; and

means for accessing the information on said digital video disc using said key data read from said at least one prescribed address in said flash memory; wherein

the at least one prescribed address is stored in at least one location in said unused specific area,

the at least one location is specific and unmoved after each access by said means for accessing,

random data is written in all of the unused area around an area where said key data is recorded in said specific area of said flash memory, and  
the key data is configured to be modified by a key data writing equipment.

2. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 1, wherein

said key data is an encryption key for equipment for encrypting and recording the information on said digital video disc.

3. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 2, wherein

said key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from said digital video disc.

4. (Original) The equipment for a digital video disc according to claim 1, wherein  
said key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from  
said digital video disc.
5. (Currently Amended) A method of recording in advance prescribed information to be protected  
against unauthorized access in a rewritable flash memory of prescribed size, comprising the  
steps of:  
writing said prescribed information in [[a]] at least one prescribed address in at least one  
location in an unused specific area having a prescribed size comparable to one access  
unit of said flash memory wherein the at least one location is specific and unmoved  
after access of the prescribed information; and  
writing random data in all of the unused area in said specific area, around an area where said  
prescribed information is written in said step of writing, wherein  
the writing is performed by a key data writing equipment.
6. (Original) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein  
said memory is mounted on equipment for a digital video disc, and  
said prescribed information is key data associated with information on a digital video disc.
7. (Original) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein  
said prescribed information is a password.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a rewritable flash memory of prescribed size, comprising:

means for writing said prescribed information in [[a]] at least one prescribed address in at least one location in an unused specific area having a prescribed size comparable to one access unit of said flash memory wherein the at least one location is specific and unmoved after access of the prescribed information; and

means for writing random data in all of the unused area in said specific area, around an area where said prescribed information is written in said step of writing, wherein the writing is configured to be performed by a key data writing equipment.